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A - (A): Soviet type of heavy mortar, 85 mm caliber. The Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare (Division of Coastal Defense) in Durrës is equipped with this heavy mortar, as are all units depending on it.

(B): Heavy type of Soviet mortar, 105 mm caliber. The 1st Infantry Division of Tirana, is equipped with this mortar. So is the Brigade Autonome, Bank Division (Autonomous Brigade, Divisional Rank) stationed at Shkoder. Every company possesses three mortars of this type.

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B - (A): Soviet type of Kontra-Tanks-Tuska (antitank rifle).

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The military units of the Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare are equipped with this antitank rifle.

(B): Soviet type of Push Antitanks antitank rifle). Approximately 35 mm caliber, barrel approximately 2.5 meters long, projectile approximately 20-25 cms long. Carried by two gunners. Every infantry company has three of these antitank rifles. the companies of any Albanian military unit have three such weapons. at the 1st Division of Tirana and at the Brigade Autonome of Shkoder. the 1st Battalion of the Brigade Autonome of Shkoder using them during practical exercises to fire against a target of natural rock from a distance of approximately 500 m. This was in the village of Grue e Mire, 14 kms north of Shkoder. The gun has a terrific pressure, a noise like thunder, and a great recoil - the gunner must have a small pillow, incorporated within the rifle itself, to protect his person. The gun has great perforation and explosive power and great millimetric precision.

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C - (A): Soviet type of Mitroloz Rand Model M.V (heavy machine gun, model M.V). Gun has a water-cooling system. The units of the Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare are equipped with this gun.

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(B): Soviet type of Mitroloz i Randé Maxim Mod. 1898 - I Perfectione 1934 - Kaliber 14.75 mm, 200 Te shite ne Minut (Maxim heavy machine gun, 1891 model, 1934 improvement, 14.75 mm caliber, 200 shots per minute). This caliber is approximate. All infantry units of the Albanian Armed Forces are equipped with this type machine gun - three guns per company. It needs six gunners - three to carry it, three to fire. Has a water-cooling system. Has a front cuirass made of special protective steel. Very practical because its two wheels permit it to be drawn. Also used in the mountains. The Albanian Infantry has no special mountain units. Because of Albania's terrain, all Infantry men are trained for both field and mountain fighting.

D - (A): Soviet type Mitroloz Aeror Antiaircraft machine gun).

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The Reparti Marine Kondrajor (Naval antiaircraft units) of the Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare of Durrës are equipped with this gun.

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(B): Mitroloze I Randé Sovjetik i Ri, Kunder Ajror Model 1938-39 (Soviet heavy antiaircraft machine gun, model 1938-39). Approximate caliber 15-16 mm, 400 shots per minute.

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The battalions of the Artilleria Kondrajor Reparti

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- (Antiaircraft Regiment) [] Tirana, are equipped with this gun installed on 10-wheel US-type General Motors trucks. Each truck carries one gun. This makes a mobile unit. [] every company in this regiment has three such units. 50X1-HUM
- E - (A) [] 50X1-HUM
 (B): "Mitraloze I Rande Sovjetik Kondra Ajror Kuadrubel Maxim. (Heavy Soviet antiaircraft Maxim machine guns - set of four). Caliber 14.75 mm, 1934 model, 400 shots per minute. The Artilerijska Kondra Ajror Reparti [] Tirana, is equipped with these guns, mounted on 10-wheel, General Motors-type trucks. [] each battalion of this regiment has three or four trucks mounted with this type gun. 50X1-HUM
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- F - (A): "Mitroloz Sovjetik D.P., Mod 1940 (Soviet machine gun D.P., 1940 model). Approximate caliber 19 mm. [] The units of the Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare are equipped with this type gun. 50X1-HUM
 (B): "Mitroloze I Lehte Sovjetik D.P. (Soviet light D.P. machine gun). 1936-38 model, 13.17 mm caliber, can reach 100 shots per minute. Infantry companies possess four guns of this type.
- G - (A): [] 50X1-HUM
 (B): "Tope Mitraloze Sovjetik Kondra Ajror (Soviet antiaircraft gun.) Caliber 45-60 mm. Every loader /'charger'/ has 14 shells. The Artilerijska Kondra Ajror Reparti [] Tirana, uses this type antiaircraft gun. Each battery has five. The gun is usually drawn by truck occasionally by horses. [] 20 guns of this type in the courtyard of the headquarters of the 1st Division of Tirana which is also the headquarters of the antiaircraft Regiment. [] this gun used by the Brigade Autonome of Shkoder. 50X1-HUM
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- H - (A): [] 50X1-HUM
 (B): "Tope Sovjetik Kondra Ajror (Soviet antiaircraft guns). [] the caliber is 80-90 mm. The gun has a long barrel, approximately seven meters. [] five such guns in the courtyard of the 1st Division of Tirana during Jul-Aug 52. The guns had just arrived for the Artilerijska Kondra Ajror Reparti [] 50X1-HUM
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- I - (A): [] 50X1-HUM
 (B): "Tope Sovjetik Kondra Ajror (Soviet antiaircraft gun). [] 60-70 mm caliber, with barrel 5.5 - 6 meters long. [] six or seven guns of this type in Jul-Aug 52 in the courtyard of the 1st Division of Tirana. They had arrived the same time as the above guns /H/. 50X1-HUM
- J - (A): "Top-Sovjetik Regjimental 76 mm Kaliber (Soviet Regimental 76 mm caliber gun). This is the gun which soldiers are taught to use in the military training given at the Shkolla Artilerise Mbrojtjes Bregdetare (Coastal Artillery School) of the Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare, Durres. There is one in the school courtyard. [] The gun barrel is bigger, and it has no recoil barrel under the big barrel. 50X1-HUM
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 (B): "Top Fushor Sovjetik - Kaliber 115-120 (Soviet field gun, 115-120 caliber). [] such guns with the Brigade Autonome of Shkoder in Nov 51 and with the 1st Division of Tirana in Aug 52. [] each battery of the antiaircraft regiments of these two units had three guns of this type. 50X1-HUM
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(B): "Tone Fushore e Anti Tanks Sovjetik I Ri (New type Soviet field and antitank gun). Approximately 105-110 mm caliber. [redacted] four such guns arrived for the 1st Division, Tirana, at the same time as the antiaircraft guns described [H] and [I] above.

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L - (A):

(B): "Tope Kondrajror dhe Rushore Sovjetik (Soviet antiaircraft and field gun). Approximate caliber 120-125 mm. [redacted] it is used as a field artillery gun. The barrel is about five meters long and has a cuirass as shown in the sketch. The Brigade Autonome of Shkoder was equipped with this gun in Nov 51. The Artilerija Kondrajror Reparti of the 1st Division of Tirana was also equipped with it in summer 1952. [redacted] that every battery of the Tirana antiaircraft regiment had two guns of this type.

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M - (A): "Top Sovjetik Fushor-Kondrajror Detar (Soviet field, antiaircraft and coastal defense gun). Caliber 105 mm. The Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare of Durres has guns of this type.

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(B): [redacted] three or four guns of this type lying unused in the courtyard of the 1st Division, Tirana. [redacted] they are of [redacted] origin from World War II, about 120 mm caliber, with a barrel about four meters long.

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Note:(A): All military units in Durres, including Kursanti at the Artillery and Marine Schools there, were mobilized to work in non-stop shifts unloading military materiel in the port of Durres during April - June 1952. The materiel was all carried to the General Depot of the Brigades Mbrojtjes Bregdetare, whence it was shipped to various units of the Armed Forces throughout Albania.

(B): "All Soviet weapons arrive in Albania on Soviet cargo ships covered with grain. This is to avoid inspections in international waters. They are unloaded in the port of Durres.

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A - (A): "Motovelier Vrojtus Rroje (Torpedo boat used in coastal defense).

[redacted] boats in the port of Durres Jan-Aug 52. [redacted] The boat carries two antiaircraft machine guns, four Maxim machine guns and two torpedoes.

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[redacted] Kursanti of the Shkolla Artilerise Mbrojtjes Bregdetare of Durres were taking a physical education course with Kursanti of the Shkolla Marines Mbrojtjes Bregdetare of Durres [redacted] the Albanian Navy has six such torpedo boats. They are stationed at the following ports - Durres, Sazan, Shengjin, Sarande, Vlone and Himara - and patrol the Albanian coast for nine months of the year. During the three summer months specialized Kursanti taking a training cruise on these torpedo boats in the Adriatic. The Marine Kursanti [redacted] had been on a three-month training cruise in the waters off Pala and Sarande.

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(B): Motovedet Sovjetike (Soviet sea motor torpedo boat). This boat has two torpedoes and two antiaircraft machine guns (same as described under Exhibit A- B).

[redacted] the Albanian Navy is equipped with them.

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- B - (A): [redacted] the Soviet 34 tank. [redacted] about 10 such tanks in a military parade in Tirana Jul 52. 50X1-HUM
- (B): "Tanks I Rande Sovjetik T-38 (Heavy Soviet T-38 tank). - This tank carried a crew of six. [redacted] the gun is 95 mm caliber with a barrel about five meters long. The tank also carries a heavy machine gun [redacted] such tanks in a military parade in Tirana 10 Jul 52. [redacted] they belonged to the Regjimentit Tanksist-Tirane. This regiment has headquarters on Rr. e Durrsit, four km west of Tirana on the road to Durres. 50X1-HUM
- C - (A): [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (B): "Soviet heavy tank. [redacted] two such tanks in summer 1950 in the courtyard of the Shkolla e Bashkuar e Officeravet Enver-Tirane (Enver Hoxha Officers' School, Tirana). [redacted] it has a 90 mm gun, two heavy machine guns in front and two antiaircraft machine guns. The rear of the tank opens and has seats for 20 military personnel. [redacted] this is an assault tank. 50X1-HUM
- D - (A): [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (B): "Autobлинд Sovjetik (Soviet armored car). Light Soviet model with a gun and two heavy antiaircraft machine guns. [redacted] these guns are 35-40 mm, the same model as shown in Exhibit A - D, only dual. [redacted] such cars [redacted] on the military training grounds of the Regjimentit Tanksist of Tirana. There were 12-15. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- E - (A): [redacted] military poster displayed throughout Albania on the anniversary of the Albanian Armed Forces. 50X1-HUM
- (B): Forces [redacted] copies Soviet military posters, except for the eagle and the red star. It represents a sailor, a tank soldier and an infantry soldier. The flag is the same red as the star, The eagle is black. The men wear the proper colored uniforms. The poster is one by 1/2 meters. 10 Korrik means 10 July.
- F - (A): [redacted] a military poster printed by the Ministry of Defense and displayed throughout Albania on 28-29 Nandor (November) each year on Flag Day and the anniversary of the Liberation of Albania. It symbolizes an Albanian soldier defending the Albanian People's Republic and the 'socialist achievements and freedoms'. The barbed wire on the border of Albania means that Yugoslavia and Greece are enchained, enslaved countries. Each town on the poster symbolizes an achievement of the Communist-Socialist /sic/ government: 50X1-HUM
- Shkoder: Fabrika Fermentimit Duhanit - Tobacco Fermentation Plant, opened 1951
- Mat: the hydroelectric power plant under construction for the Five Year Plan
- Durres: Fabrika e Gomes - Rubber plant.
- Fier: Xhveshjae Bambukut Fabrika - Cotton mill opened Nov 51
- Tirana: Kombinati Textilit Stalin Hidrocentrali Lenin
- Korce: Fabrika e Nandor Sheqerit - 8 Nov - Sugar plant opened 1947-48
- Kucova: Oil fields and refineries. Also known as Qytetit-Stalin (City of Stalin)
- Vlora: Alcohol and timber plants
- Gjinokaster: The largest hospital in Albania, completed 1952.
- The pyramids symbolize the Albanian sentries who guard the borders of the country. The soldier is dressed in infantry uniform. The flag is red. The land is light yellow. The plants indicating the towns are brown. The sea is blue. The poster is one by 1/2 meters."7

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